

**INVESTIGATIVE REPORT:**

This report pertains to an investigation of the identification of the burial location of a member of the Commonwealth Forces, during the Great War 1914-1921.

**SUBMITTED TO:**

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**Report Date:** 12 May 2020

**Reason for Submission:** ("X" means purpose of the report)

<b>Casualty Identification:</b>		<b>Burial Information:</b>	
Confirmed Identity	X	Burial Location Identified	X
Most Probable Identity		Grave Stone Correction	X
Questionable Identity		Grave Records Correction	
Incorrect Identity		Request for CWGC Details	
Other		Other	

**Supporting Documents:** (# refers to attachment number; "I" information provided)

<b>Casualty Identification:</b>		<b>Burial Information:</b>	
Mills, Henry Jackson	i	Marfaux British Cemetery	<a href="#">link</a>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn Middlesex Regiment	i	Marne, France	i
Second Lieutenant	i	Plot 10 Row E Grave 1	i
Death: 30 May 1918	<a href="#">link</a>	Exhumation: 26 Feb 1925	i
Graves Registration Report	1	War Diary Extract(s)	7a,b,c
Concentration of Grave	2	Casualty Card	
Exhumation Report		Grave Stone Photograph	
Headstone Register	3	Grave Stone Inscription	
Area Map	4	Memorial Inscription/Photo	
Trench Map(s)	5a,b	Reporting and Review	8
Possible Candidates List	6a,b	Other	

**Summary of Findings:**

The Concentration of Graves Report for Plot 10 Row E Grave 1 of the Marfaux British Cemetery lists an Unknown British Officer with one cloth star, M.G.C. (Machine Gun Corps) collar badges and buttons of the Middlesex Regiment.

A review of all of the evidence relevant to this case was conclusive that only one (1) Officer was lost in this location at any time in the Great War that met all of the details described. That man was [Second Lieutenant Henry Jackson Mills](#) of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment). At the time of his death he was attached to the 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion Machine Gun Corps (Infantry).

## Details of Findings:

At the outset of this case it is important to note that the CWGC lists the Unknown Officer revealed in this case as Lieutenant Henry Jackson Mills. At the time of his death on 30 May 1918 he was a Second Lieutenant of the Middlesex Regiment attached to the Machine Gun Corps. During the course of the war he held other ranks and positions such as Temporary Lieutenant of the Middlesex Regiment as well as Assistant Instructor and Acting Captain with the Machine Gun Corps.

The findings are based on the following:

1. The *Graves Registration Report Form* (GRRF) reveals very little about the identity of the person buried in Plot 10 Row E Grave 1, as it states only “Unknown British Officer” (Attachment #1). Perusal of that document alone would not provide any indication that the identity of the remains was possible. Information provided by the CWGC for the [Marfaux British Cemetery](#) tells us that the cemetery was begun after the armistice, with concentrations from the battlefields and other cemeteries, all listed for the period of May to July 1918. The location of the cemetery, as well as details on the cemeteries concentrated into Marfaux, were examined and reported by the author ([GWF Link](#)).
2. The *Concentration of Graves (Exhumation and Reburials) Burial Return* (COG-BR) does provide considerable information to allow for the identification of the remains (Attachment #2). Four (4) additional key pieces of information are provided on the COG-BR, in addition to remains were identified as those of an “Unknown British Officer” (UBO), the only information that was carried forward to the GRRF document.
  - The remains were recovered from an area marked as Trench Map Coordinates (TMC) “**Soissons 1/100000 Sh. 22 4.J.58 x 75**”. This tells us that the remains were recovered near Tramery France, located about 10 miles southwest of the centre of Reims.
  - The UBO was clad in khaki and had one cloth star, telling us that the officer was a Second Lieutenant.
  - The officer was wearing collar badges of the “M.G.C.” (Machine Gun Corps), so we know that the remains belong to someone who was killed after the M.G.C. was formed in October 1915. This excludes men that may have been in the Reims Sector in the early days of the war (Fall 1914).
  - Lastly, the UBO was wearing buttons of the Middlesex Regiment, telling us that he had service to that Regiment prior to being attached to the Machine Gun Corps.
3. The *Comprehensive Report of Headstone Inscriptions* (HD-SCHD lists “A Soldier of the Great War Unknown Officer” (Attachment #3). From this we know that the Unknown Officer was not identified since the time of his concentration. Anyone observing the headstone, as a visitor to the cemetery, would have no idea that there was a potential identification for these remains. Without reference to the COG-BR, the unknown would remain that way in perpetuity.

4. A *Google Earth Image* has been provided to show the location of the Marfaux British Cemetery SOISSONS 1/100000 **Sh. 22 5.K. 86 x 98** relative to the city of Reims and the location of the remains at **Sh. 22 4 . J. 58 x 75**, just south of the village of Tramery. The only times that the British Army was active in this general area during the Great War was in the *Retreat from Mons* (28 August – 5 September 1918), then almost 4 years later in the latter stages of the *1918 German Spring Offensive*. The particular action relevant to this case study was *Operation Blücher-Yorck* (Third Battle of the Aisne 27 May – 4 June 1918).
5. Two *Trench Maps* are provided to identify the exact area where the remains were recovered. The first trench map is from the McMaster Collection and refers to the area and coordinates as described on the COG-BR as SOISSONS **Sh. 22 4 . J. 58 x 75** (Attachment #5a). The second map is from the French National Archives which shows the location of the remains using the “Lambert System”, which gives the coordinates of **JONCHERY-SUR-VESLE 1/20000 214 x 276.5**. In both instances the trench maps have been “marked up” to show the “X” and “Y” coordinates more clearly. For those not familiar with the use of the French Trench Maps, please see [“Using French Trench Maps in the Unknown Project”](#).
6. A *Possible Candidates List* was initially prepared using the CWGC database based on the mandatory criteria outlined in item #2 above, that being a Second Lieutenant from the Middlesex Regiment with an affiliation with the Machine Gun Corps. To be in this area in 1918, the candidate would have been involved in one of three main actions:
  - Operation Blücher–Yorck, 27 May to 4 June 1918:  
The Aisne Offensive (Third Battle of the Aisne)
  - Operation Gneisenau, 8 June to 12 June 1918:  
The Noyon-Montdidier Offensive (Battle of the Matz)
  - Operation Marneschutz-Reims/Friedensturm, 15 July to 17 July 1918:  
The Champagne-Marne Offensive (Second Battle of the Marne) – followed by the counterattack “Battle of Soissons” 18 July to 6 August 1918.

The one (1) candidate Second Lieutenant [Hugh Reginal White](#) of the Middlesex Regiment had no affiliation with the Machine Gun Corps and was thus dismissed as a candidate. He had previously served in the East Surrey Regiment prior to his commission with the Manchester Regiment.

The four (4) candidate Second Lieutenants of the Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) had no affiliation with the Middlesex Regiment and were thus also dismissed as candidates. By name they were [John Claude Torrens](#) (14<sup>th</sup> Irish Rifles), [Harold Grover Williamson](#) (3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> South Lancashire Regiment), [Ferdinand Hughes](#) (King’s Liverpool Regiment) and [William Bartholomew Jones](#) (direct to Machine Gun Corps).

Based on the above, one would be left with the possibility that there were no candidates for this Second Lieutenant. The solution comes from the rank process

that is used by the CWGC, which also incorporates posthumous promotions. Through that process a serving Second Lieutenant may be listed in the CWGC database as a Lieutenant, if they were granted that rank after their death, or in other instances if they had been a "Temporary Lieutenant" or "Acting Lieutenant" at some point during their military career.

There were two (2) Lieutenants of the Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) listed on the Soissons Memorial for the period. [Edward Humphry Taycke](#) was only affiliated with the Machine Gun Corps and [Edgar Brian Willson](#) had a prior affiliation with the 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion York & Lancaster Regiment.

Only one (1) Lieutenant of the Middlesex Regiment is named on the Soissons Memorial for 30 May 1918. [Henry Jackson Mills](#) served initially with the 1<sup>st</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> London Regiment (Artist's Rifles) prior to his commission with the Middlesex Regiment. At the time of his death he was attached to the 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry). As such, he is the only candidate that meets the criteria. All of the records pertaining to the candidate are clear that he was a Second Lieutenant with the Middlesex Regiment, matching that shown for the deceased.

7. The *War Diary* for the 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion Machine Gun Corps provides the final confirmation that the remains are those of Second Lieutenant Mills (Attachment #7a). On 4 June 1918, the 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) is at Sarcy, when it reports that Major S. Scott M.C. is killed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. T. Dunks is wounded and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. H. J. Mills is missing. Casualties for the period 29 May 1918 to 4 June 1918 were noted as:

- two (2) Officers killed
  - i. [2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. J. C. Torrens](#)
  - ii. [Major S. Scott](#)
- eight (8) Officers wounded (all survived)
  - i. Major P. C. Inch
  - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. J. P. Pope
  - iii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. J. B. Chalmers
  - iv. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. A. D. Bruman
  - v. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. S. Smith
  - vi. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. W. S. Kendall
  - vii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. G. Wake
  - viii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. T. Dunks
- one (1) Officer missing
  - i. [2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. H. J. Mills](#)

The war diary also contains a *Summary of Events and Information* for the period 27 May 1918 to 19 June 1918. The first page of that summary provides the details pertaining to the location of the companies of the 19<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Battalion on 29 May 1918 (Attachment #7b). This information places the companies in the immediate vicinity of where the remains of Second Lieutenant H. J. Mills were recovered south of Tramery on 26 February 1925. These have been marked on an additional Google Earth Image and included with this report (Attachment #7c).

During the investigation of the location of the remains, relative to the details in the war diary, it was noted that Major S. Scott's final resting place was a considerable distance away from the battlefield where he was killed. It was deemed possible that this could raise a question as to the location of the remains of Second Lieutenant H. J. Mills. Major Scott was concentrated twice in the process of arriving at his final resting place at [Terlincthun British Cemetery](#). His first resting place was the Champillon British Cemetery, which is noted under the typed entry "Where body found" on [GRRF 2053557](#). The location of that cemetery was **AVIZE 1/20000 224.84 x 260.16**. The remains of Major Scott then went to the Epernay Military Cemetery (Hopital Auban Moet), which the GRRF documents tell us was also known as (or later renamed) the **Epernay French National Cemetery**. This analysis tells us that that the remains Second Lieutenant Mills were found in the correct location for a battlefield burial, whereas the remains of Major Scott were found where he had been taken, buried and then relocated on two separate occasions.

#### **Action Required:**

The "Investigative Report" has been prepared in accordance with the procedures and criteria set out by the CWGC, should they wish to make any changes to the commemoration details (Attachment #8).

The research is conclusive that the only candidate for the remains in Plot 10 Row E Grave 1 of the Marfaux British Cemetery are those of Second Lieutenant Henry Jackson Mills, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment). At the time of his death he was attached to the 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry). The location of the remains agrees fully with the details provided in the unit war diary. There are no other candidates that meet these criteria at any time during the Great War.



# ATTACHMENT #1

Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Graves Registration Report Form.

<http://archive.cloud.cwgc.org/archive/doc/doc2328991.JPG>

30. COMPREHENSIVE REPORT.

Dept. MARNE. GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM.

COMMUNE. MARFAUX. REPORT NO. 24. SCHEDULE NO: 58c.Rev.

PLACE OF BURIAL. MARFAUX BRITISH CEMETERY.

Land belongs to Soissons 1/100000. S. 22. 5. K. 86 x 98.

The following are buried here:-

Regiment.	No.	Name.	Rank and Initials.	Date of Death.	Cross Erected or despatched.	Plot Row & Grave?
<u>PLOT 9. ROW "G".</u>						
Lancs Fus.		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER.		22.8.18.	E.	1.
Lancs Fus.		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER.		22.8.18.	E.	2.
Lancs Fus.		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER.		22.8.18.	E.	3.
<u>PLOT 9. ROW "H".</u>						
11/Lancs Fus.	331028	DUNHAM	Pte. L.G.	28.5.18.	E.	1.
<u>PLOT 10. ROW "E".</u>						
		UNKNOWN BRITISH OFFICER.			E.	1.
<del>R.W. Kent Regt.</del>	<del>33733</del>	UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER		22.8.18.	E.	2.
Notts & Derby Rgt.		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER			E.	3.
		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER			E.	4.
		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER			E.	5.
		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER			E.	6.
		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER			E.	7.
		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER			E.	8.
Worcester Regt.		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER			E.	9.
		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER			E.	10.
D. of Wellington.		UNKNOWN BRITISH CORPORAL.			E.	11.
<u>PLOT 10. ROW "F".</u>						
8/W. Yorks Rgt.	306895	CAWOOD	Rfn. C.	20.7.18.	E.	1.
9/D.L.I.	57743	BARROW	Sgt. G.E.	20.7.18.	E.	2.
8/West Yorks.		WILLIAMS	2/Lt. T.R.	20.7.18.	E.	3.
5/K.O.Y.L.I.	201028	SHEPHERD	Pte. W.	20.7.18.	E.	4.

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1/5/26

# ATTACHMENT #2

Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Concentration of Graves (Exhumations and Reburials) Burial Return. <http://archive.cloud.cwgc.org/archive/doc/doc2303074.JPG>

MAIRFAUX 24-224E 6/24/17

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Serial No. A.M. 2/3327

Command: Marfaux.  
Dept: 10.E.1

CONCENTRATION OF GRAVES (Exhumation and Reburials).

Exhumed by I.W.G.C. 26.2.25

**BURIAL RETURN.**

Name of Cemetery of Reburial: MAREFAUX BRITISH CEMETERY. Soissons 1/100000. Sh. 22. 5. K. 86 x 98.

Plot	Row	Grave	Map Reference where body found	Was cross on grave?	(a) Particulars found on cross. (b) Particulars found on body.	Means of Identification	Were any effects forwarded to Base?
10	E	1	Soissons 1/100000 Sh. 22. 4. J. 58 x 75	Yes	(a) Nil. (b) Unknown British Officer. (No dental peculiarities)	Officers' Khaki. One cloth star. M.G.C. Collar badges. Regt. buttons, Mdaex Regt.	No.
10	E	2	Soissons 1/100000 Sh. 22. 4. J. 77 x 80	No.	(a) Nil. (b) Unknown British Soldier. R.W. Kent Regt.	Khaki. G.S. Boots with No & regt. in.	Yes. Piece of boot. 62X 11596

Certified map references correct and crosses erected.

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CERTIFIED REPORT  
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REHATCHING  
Registration Officer,  
No. 8. Area. I.W.G.C.

ENTERED 16.3.25  
SLIP: 3327

This form to be made out in triplicate, two copies being handed to the D.A.D. (C. of G.) and the other retained by the Burial Officer.



# ATTACHMENT #3

Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Comprehensive Report (A) of Headstone Inscriptions.  
<http://archive.cloud.cwgc.org/archive/doc/doc2695258.JPG>

No. of Contract \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name and Address of Firm \_\_\_\_\_

**Imperial War Graves Commission.**

Schedule "A" Page 35  
 Name of Cemetery, \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (A) OF HEADSTONE INSCRIPTIONS**  
 to this report is attached  
**COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (B) HEADSTONE TEXTS**  
 (those headstones to be inscribed with texts are underlined)  
 and  
**TWO STANDARD LAYOUTS** (the layouts to be used are quoted on the badge design).

MAIRFAUX B.C. "B"  
 To be stencilled on foot of headstones below ground level abbreviated thus:—  
 MAF. B.C.

Badge Design No. and Layout No.	1st Line Number and Rank.	2nd Line Initials, NAME and Honours.	3rd Line Regiment.	4th Line Date of Death. <small>In any instance where the entry "NONE" appears in Col. 5, the Age will be omitted from the Headstone and the Date of Death centred laterally.</small>	Age	Centre of Stone.	To be stencilled on foot of Headstones below ground level.	No. of Stone.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
1030/10	A SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR	21 LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS	27th MAY 1918	49	CROSS	9 F 3	1011
1030/2A	48547 PRIVATE	A. HATTON	7 LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS	27th MAY 1918	NONE	CROSS	9 F 4	1012
1030/10	A SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR	21 LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS	27th MAY 1918	49	CROSS	9 G 1	1013
1030/10	A SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR	21 LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS	27th MAY 1918	49	CROSS	9 G 2	1014
1030/10	A SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR	21 LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS	27th MAY 1918	49	CROSS	9 G 3	1015
1030/2A	331028 PRIVATE	L.G. DUNHAM	8 LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS	28th MAY 1918	NONE	CROSS	9 H 1	1016
LAYOUT 1H	A BRITISH OFFICER	OF THE GREAT WAR	21 UNKNOWN OFFICER		30	CROSS	10 E 1	1017
LAYOUT 1H	A SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR	21		16	CROSS	10 E 2	1018
1045/10	A SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR	NOTTS. & DERBY REGIMENT		35	CROSS	10 E 3	1019
LAYOUT 1H	A SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR			16	CROSS	10 E 4	1020
LAYOUT 1H	A SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR			16	CROSS	10 E 5	1021
LAYOUT 1H	A SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR			16	CROSS	10 E 6	1022
LAYOUT 1H	A SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR			16	CROSS	10 E 7	1023
LAYOUT 1H	A SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR			16	CROSS	10 E 8	1024
1069/10	A SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR	147 WORCESTERSHIRE REGIMENT		38	CROSS	10 E 9	1025

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12/11/18

+A special *Gravestone* is provided for use with this Headstone.

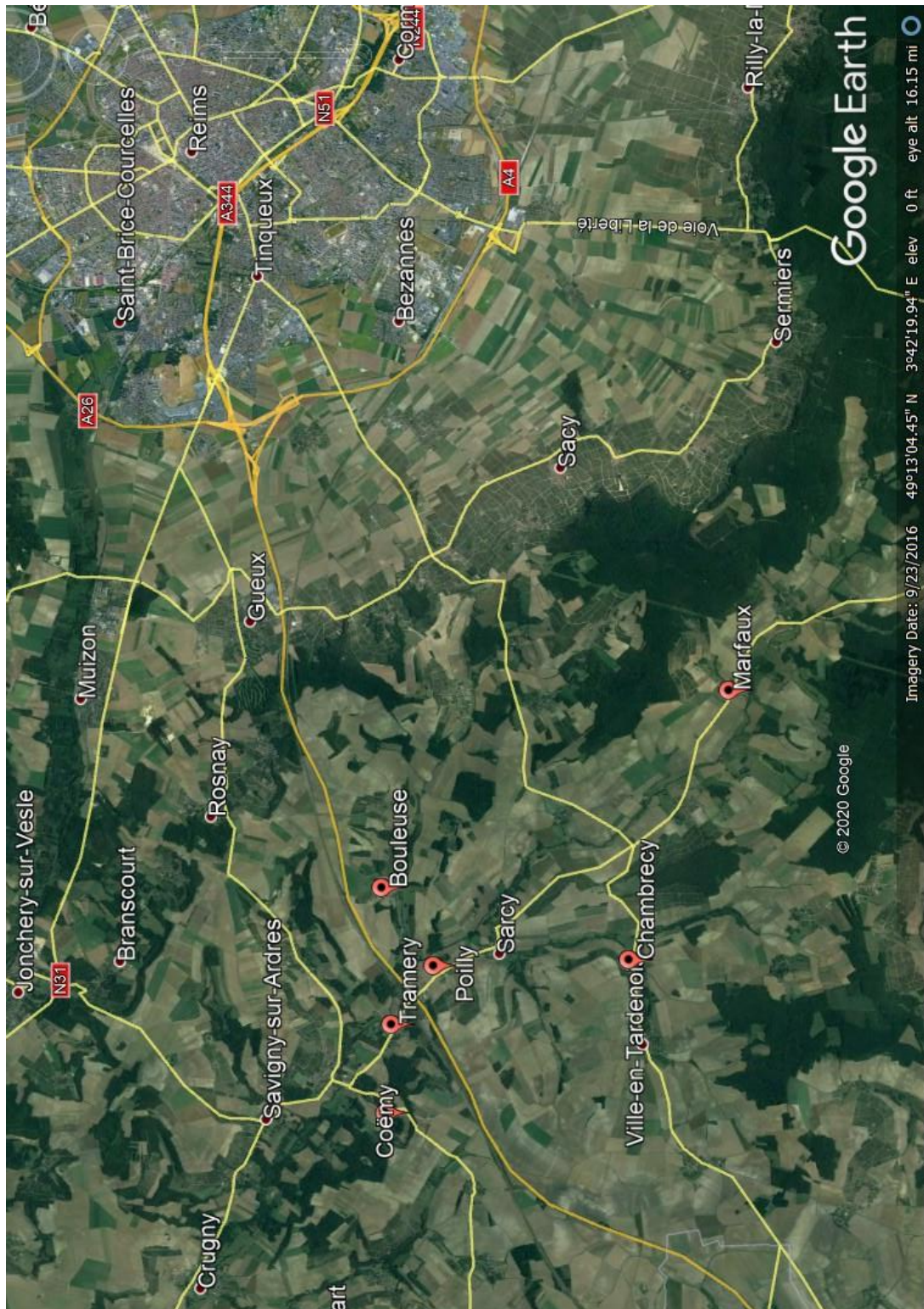
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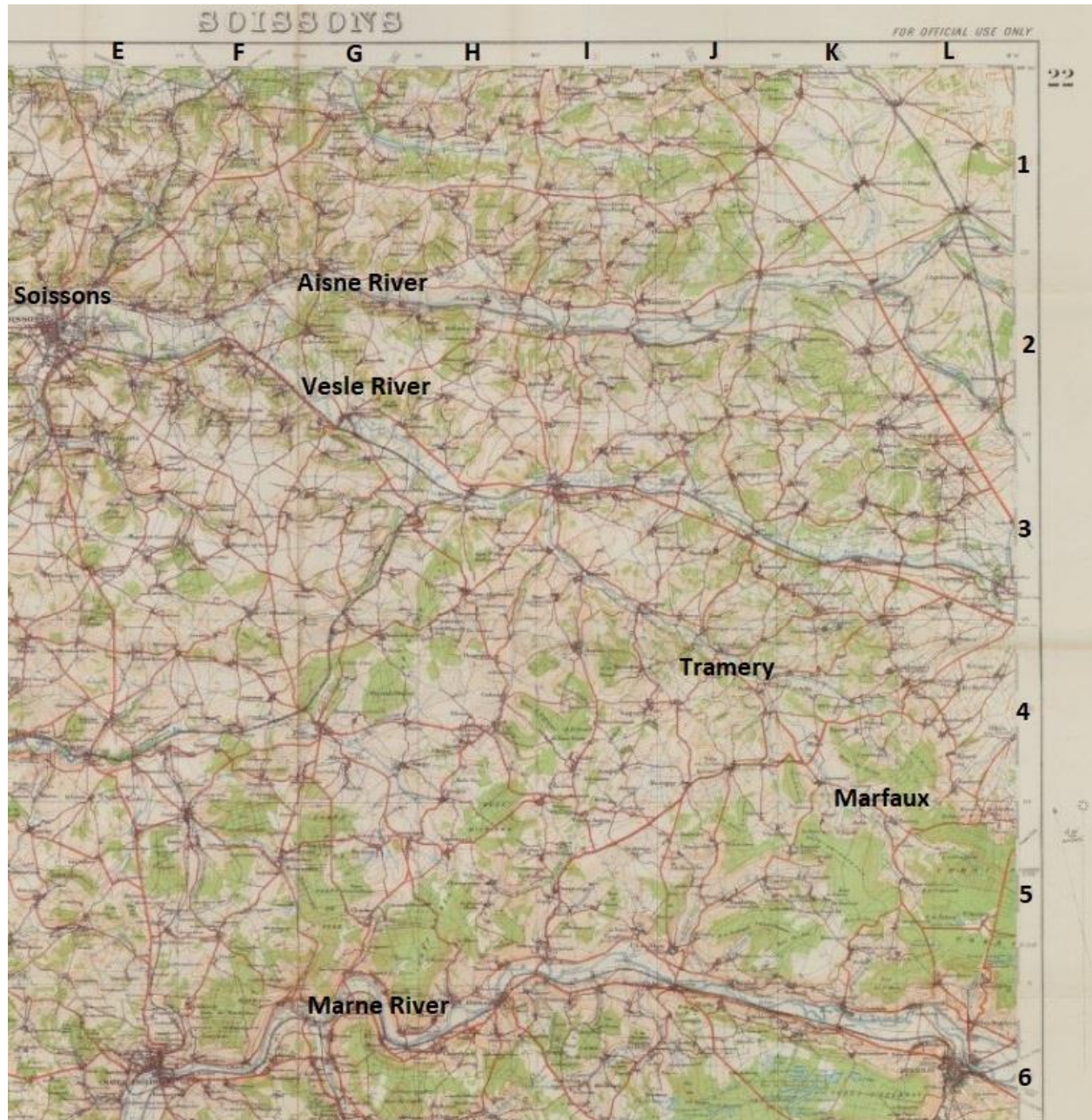
Google Earth Image. Area where remains were recovered south of Tramery relative to the City of Reims and the Cemetery at Marfaux.





## **ATTACHMENT #5a**

Lloyd Reeds Map Collection of McMaster University, Hamilton Ontario Canada. Soissons 22 1/100,000 Map. <http://digitalarchive.mcmaster.ca/islandora/object/macrepo%3A4323>

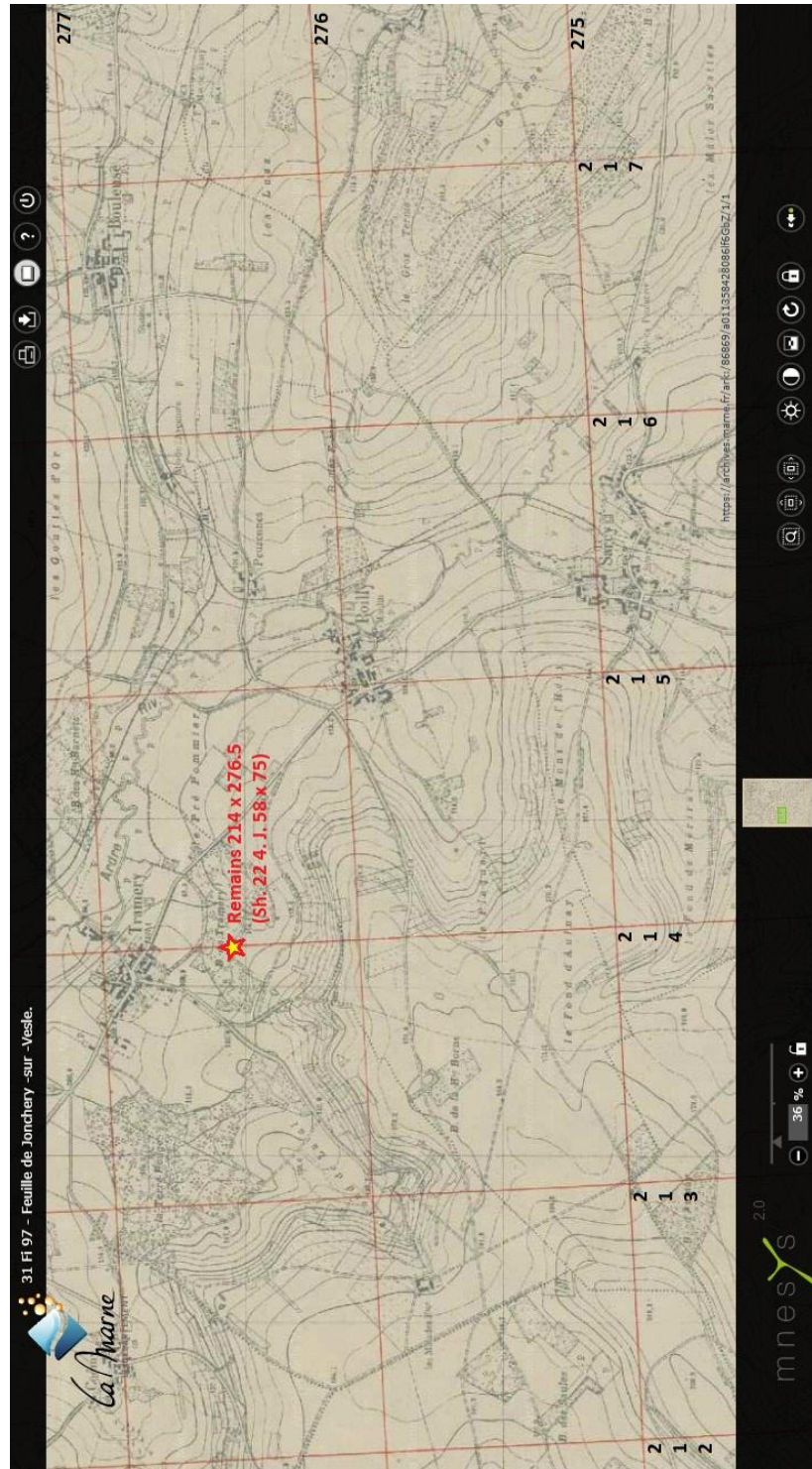




## ATTACHMENT #5b

[Cartes militaires. Canevas de tir, guerre 1914-1918 \(31 Fi\)](#). Dormans. Service géographique de l'Armée].  
1918. [The French National Archives Map Listings - 1/20000 Trench Map Listings – Jonchery-sur-Vesle](#)  
1918

For information on accessing the on-line map collection of the France Archives, please see:  
[Using French Trench Maps in the Unknown Project](#)





## **ATTACHMENT #6a**

Commonwealth War Graves Commission. *Casualty Record: Commonwealth Forces.*  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find/find-war-dead>

### [Second Lieutenants of the Middlesex Regiment Soissons Memorial 1 May 1918 – 1 January 1919](#)

<b>WHITE</b> Second Lieutenant	<b>HUGH REGINALD</b>	<b>27 May 1918</b>	<b>VIEW RECORD</b> <b>5th Bn. att'd. 2nd Bn. Middlesex Regiment</b>
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### [Second Lieutenants of the Machine Gun Corps Soissons Memorial 1 May 1918 – 1 January 1919](#)

<b>TORRENS</b> Second Lieutenant	<b>JAMES</b>	<b>30 May 1918</b>	<b>VIEW RECORD</b> <b>Machine Gun Corps (Infantry)</b> "B" Coy. 19th Bn.
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<b>WILLIAMSON</b> Second Lieutenant	<b>HAROLD</b>	<b>27 May 1918</b>	<b>VIEW RECORD</b> <b>Machine Gun Corps (Infantry)</b> 25th Bn.
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<b>HUGHES</b> Second Lieutenant	<b>FERDINAND</b>	<b>29 May 1918</b>	<b>VIEW RECORD</b> <b>Machine Gun Corps (Infantry)</b> 25th Bn.
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<b>JONES</b> Second Lieutenant	<b>WILLIAM BARTHOLOMEW</b>	<b>27 May 1918</b>	<b>VIEW RECORD</b> <b>Machine Gun Corps (Infantry)</b> 134th Bn.
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## **ATTACHMENT #6b**

Commonwealth War Graves Commission. *Casualty Record: Commonwealth Forces.*  
<https://www.cwgc.org/find/find-war-dead>

### Lieutenants of the Machine Gun Corps Soissons Memorial 1 May 1918 – 1 January 1919

<b>TYACKE</b> Lieutenant	<b>EDWARD HUMPHRY</b>	<b>29 May</b>	<b>VIEW RECORD</b> <b>25th Bn.</b> <b>Machine Gun Corps</b> <b>(Infantry)</b>
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<b>WILLSON</b> Lieutenant	<b>EDGAR BRIAN</b>	<b>27 May</b>	<b>VIEW RECORD</b> <b>25th Bn.</b> <b>Machine Gun Corps</b> <b>(Infantry)</b> <b>formerly 8th Bn.</b> <b>York and Lancaster Regiment</b>
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### Lieutenants of the Middlesex Regiment Soissons Memorial 1 May 1918 – 1 January 1919

<b>MILLS</b> Lieutenant	<b>HENRY JACKSON</b>	<b>30 May</b> <b>1918</b>	<b>VIEW RECORD</b> <b>"C" Coy. 2nd Bn.</b> <b>Middlesex Regiment</b> <b>attd. 19th Bn.</b> <b>Machine Gun Corps (Infantry)</b>
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# ATTACHMENT #7a

UK, WWI War Diaries (France, Belgium and Germany), 1914-1920  
Various (Divisional Troops) 19th Division Piece 2071: Divisional Troops (1915 - 1919)

WAR DIARY  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.  
(Erase heading not required.)

19th Div. M.G.C.  
Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

19th Bu Ing Corp.  
June 1918.  
Army Form C. 2118.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SARCY	16 to 19/6		See Diary of forward operations attached.	Vol 4
	16/6		Lt. T. N. JAMES transferred at day. 2nd Lt. G. MAKE transferred.	
	16/6		2nd Lt. R. B. H. moved from MATHEW to DIZY MAGENTA.	
	16/6		7 Officers and 233 other attached from 50th Division.	
	16/6		Major S. SCOTT, M.C. killed. 2nd Lt. T. DUNKS transferred 2nd Lt. H. J. MILLS (M.G.C.).	
			Rear Bn. HQ moved to HAUT VILLERS Road. Casualties from 27/5/18 to date.	
			Officers killed 2. Throat & missing. 1st Lt. killed 9. Throat & missing 10.	
	16/6		Capt W. E. MARTIN left to report 2nd Lt. 3rd May for attachment in forward duties.	
	16/6		Lt. MAHEYS, M.S. exchanged duties with Bn. M.O. 1st Lt. and 2nd Lt. 50th Div.	
	16/6		2nd Lt. W. G. AYLOTT reported for duty as Bn. Transport Officer.	
	16/6		Following receipt of Officers' head Lints. A.H. BONNER & E.M. BONNER. 2nd Lt. Lints.	
	16/6		T.M. STEAD, N.N. STORLEY, E.V. WATKINS, C. G. WILLIAMS.	
	16/6		The Battalion (less Transport & 5th) moved to AULNAY-les-PLANCHES by 10/6.	
	16/6		Draft of 4 Officers (2nd Lt. P. CHRISTIAN, T. LOCKHART, N. HOPWOOD and C.B. TEMPERTON) and 42 other reported.	

(1917) W. 1135/F. 90 00000 15/7 D. D. & L. Sch. 21a. Form C. 2118/5



# ATTACHMENT #7b

UK, WWI War Diaries (France, Belgium and Germany), 1914-1920  
Various (Divisional Troops) 19th Division Piece 2071: Divisional Troops (1915 - 1919)

## WAR DIARY.

### Summary of events and information.

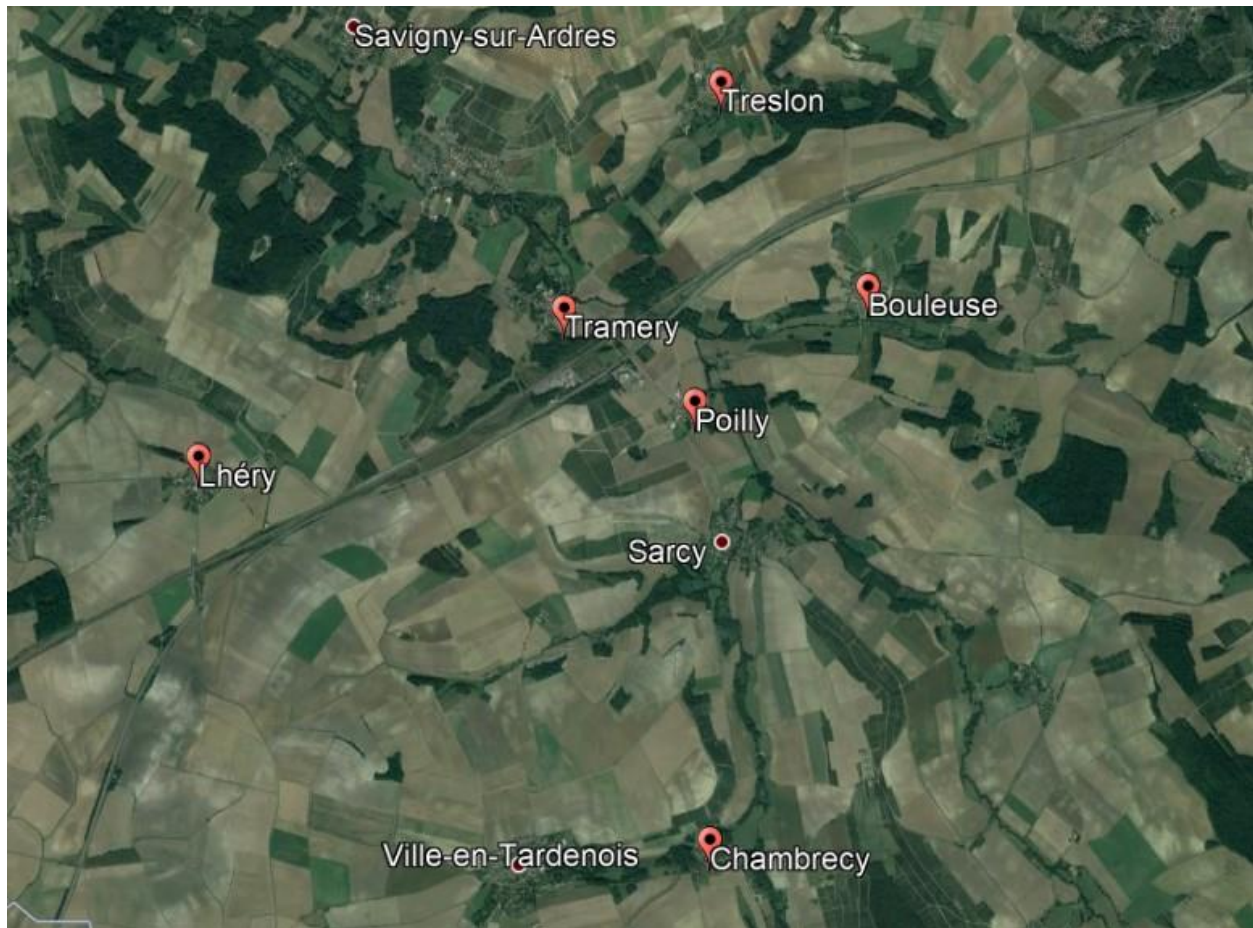
#### Operations 27th May to 19th June 1918.

- May 27th. Orders received at 9-30 p.m. for the Battalion to be in readiness to move at short notice early on the following day.
- May 28th. Orders received about 6-30 p.m. that busses would be at the embussing point (near AULNAY L'AITRE) to convey Battalion, less Transport and Surplus Personnel to a new area. Embussing complete at 10-30 p.m.
- May 29th. The Battalion arrived at CHAMBRECY at 8 a.m. debussing complete 8-30 a.m. On debussing, orders were received that the 57th and 58th Infantry Brigades were to take up a line between LHERY and FAVEROLLES. One Company of the 19th Battalion M.G.C. to be attached to each of these Brigades. An Officer from each Company was ordered to report immediately to the General Officers Commanding the 57th and 58th Brigade at their Headquarters in SARCY.
- 'B' Company was detailed to report to the 57th Brigade and 'C' Company to the 58th Brigade. Guns, ammunition, etc, for these two Companies were at once loaded on the lorry which proceeded to SARCY taking with it the Commanding Officer and Reconnoitring Officer from 'B' and 'C' Companies.
- On arrival at SARCY, Commanding Officer reported to G.O.C. 57th and 58th Brigades and received orders as to the disposal of guns.
- Guns etc. were unloaded and Officers sent forward to make a reconnaissance of the positions to be taken up pending the arrival of the personnel from CHAMBRECY.
- 4 p.m. Guns of both Companies were in position as follows :-
- 'B' Company, 4 guns just S. of 'R' in LHERY,  
4 guns 200 yds N. of point 228 due W. of 'B' in Bois d'AULNAY  
2 guns just E. of 'Y' in AULNAY.  
4 guns in reserve at Company H.Q. at SARCY.
- 'C' Company. 4 guns point 191 S. of 'P' in POILLY.  
2 guns 200 yds N. and 2 guns 200 yds. W. of Cross Roads N. of 'C' in COEMY.  
4 guns 500 yds. N.W. of 'B' in BOULEUSE.  
4 guns in old trenches just S. of 'L' in TRESLON.
- 'A' Company were with the 56th Infantry Brigade in the vicinity of SARCY. In the evening 4 guns of 'A' Company were ordered with the 8th N. Staffs Regt. to the spur N. of BOULEUSE, and 4 guns with the 9th Cheshire Regt. in the vicinity of BOIS D'AULNAY.
- 'D' Company. 4 guns were ordered to point 198 due S. of 'R' in GERMIGNY, H.Q. and 12 guns in Divisional reserve at CHAMBRECY. Rear H.Q. with Second in Command, Adjutant and Signal Officer at CHAMBRECY. Forward H.Q. with C.O. at 57th Infantry Brigade.
- 4 guns N.W. of 'B' in BOULEUSE reported to have had excellent targets.
- May 30th. Enemy reported in BOIS DE LIMONS advancing towards the LHERY - VILLE EN TARDENOIS road.
- 12 noon. 8 guns under O.C. 'D' Company were ordered to the high ground N.W. of VILLE EN TARDENOIS in order to cover the possible withdrawal of the 74th Infantry Brigade from the LHERY - VILLE EN TARDENOIS line.
- 1 p.m. Lieut. L.A. Dunt and 4 guns were ordered to the high ground S.W. of VILLE EN TARDENOIS. These guns were indicated their positions by the G.S.O. 3. 19th Division. The 3 Infantry Brigades and Advanced Battalion H.Q. moved at 12 noon to Cross Roads near 'Y' in CHAMBRECY.
- 4 guns of 'B' Company were ordered to MONT DE BLIGNY.
- 7 p.m. After the varied fighting which had been in progress all day, 53 guns were known to be still in action, 25 guns between



## **ATTACHMENT #7c**

Google Earth Image. Location of the Companies of the 19<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Battalion on 29 May 1918.



### **'B' Company**

- 4 guns just S. of 'R' in LHERY,
- 4 guns 200 yds N. of point 228 due W. of 'B' in Bois d'AULNAY
- 2 guns just E. of 'Y' in AULNAY.
- 4 guns in reserve at Company HQS at SARCY.

### **'C' Company**

- 4 guns point 191 S. of 'P' in POILLY.
- 2 guns 200 yds N\* and 2 'guns 200 yds. W. of Cross Roads N. of 'C' in COEMY.
- 4 guns 500 yds. NW of 'B' in BOULEUSE.
- 4 guns in old trenches just s" of 'L' in TRESLON.

## **ATTACHMENT #8**

This “*Reporting and Review*” attachment is provided to assist all parties in the submission of an investigative report related to the identification of the burial location, or headstone markings, of a member of the Commonwealth Forces during the Great War 1914-1921. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) receives a copy of this report in the event they wish to make changes to the commemoration details. In order to alter the records, the CWGC has set out their criteria for the procedure and submission of cases for review, as detailed below. The CWGC is under no obligation to make changes based on a report.

We have modified the requirement information noted below to include CWGC criteria from their source material:

<b>Guideline Criteria for Submission:</b>	<b>Evidence and Source Material:</b>
Cases need to present clear and convincing evidence to prove the identity of a casualty and must not be based on assumption or speculation. The Commission's Commemoration Team will also consider whether the findings of a better informed contemporary investigation are being revisited and if there is any new evidence to consider. By way of example, it is unlikely that the Commission would support a revision of the arrangements for the commemoration where it is apparent that no new evidence is being presented and, a better informed previous decision is being revisited some 100 years later.	Un-cited resources cannot be accepted as official evidence. Research conducted on the internet will only be accepted if supplied by a recognised authority such as the CWGC, National Archives etc. Any primary (contemporary) sources <i>e.g. the National Archives, CWGC, and Genealogical website original documentation etc.</i> must be copied and submitted with the case. The relevant pages of any secondary material <i>e.g. published reference books and articles; website material etc.</i> should also be copied and submitted. All sources must be correctly referenced as footnotes throughout the submission as well as cited in a complete bibliography of consulted sources. Referencing is essential to any historical research and should contain some uniform elements.

The following have participated in the preparation, review and submission of this report on a voluntary basis. Those noted below have read the investigative report and compared it to the criteria set out by the CWGC, as a guiding principle, and have agreed to have their name included as part of the review team. The CWGC may contact any of the reviewers at the e-mail address provided below.

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